

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 19 have been amended. New dependent claims 20 – 22 ultimately depending from claim 13 have been added. Claims 13 – 22 are currently pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Also, in the Office Action, claims 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by King US Patent No. 3,410,195.

With regard to the rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, it is submitted that this rejection is now overcome in view of the amendment of claim 19.

With regard to the rejection of claims 13-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by King US Patent No. 3,410,195, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendment of claim 13 and the following comments.

Claim 13 of the present application as currently amended recites a housing for an extractor hood. The housing includes at least one ventilator container for containing therein a ventilator device operable to impart motion to steam and other gaseous fluid. Also, the housing serves as a housing for at least part of the ventilator container and the housing is operable for receiving and guiding steam and other gaseous fluid to the ventilator container. The ventilator container is arranged at least partly in the housing and one section of an external wall of the housing is formed by a portion of the ventilator container.

King US Patent No. 3,410,195 discloses a kitchen exhaust hood and a blower 41 housed within a blower housing 43. Applicants respectfully submit that King US Patent No. 3,410,195 does not teach or suggest all of the elements recited by

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amended independent claim 13. For example, in the King US Patent No. 3,410,195 arrangement, all of the side walls of the blower housing 43 of King US Patent No. 3,410,195 project beyond the exterior walls of the extractor hood housing and do not additionally form an exterior wall of the extractor hood housing. In contrast, in the housing for an extractor hood according to amended claim 13 of the present invention, the ventilator container is arranged at least partly in the housing and one section of an external wall of the housing is formed by a portion of the ventilator container.

The Examiner states that prior art made of record DE 44 43 176 and DE 200 05 154 have not been considered because Applicants did not provide an English translation. Applicants herewith file a Supplemental Information Disclosure Form [PTO/SB/08A] and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Additionally, the Examiner has noted that EP 0 840 063, which was included in the International Search Report, has not been considered because it was not listed on Form PTO/SB/08A filed June 16, 2005. Applicants note that EP 0 840 063 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,803,072 which was listed on Form PTO/SB/08A on June 16, 2005.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 13 - 22.

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